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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This letter responds to a Final Office Action bearing a mailing date of June 9, 2004.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action the examiner rejected Claims 6 through 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,661,404 to Siroia in view of USPN 5,719,799 to Isashi.

Pending Claim 6 is as follows:

Mobile communication device comprising a first housing component having front and back sides with a first keyboard arranged at the front side for entering communication numbers and a second housing having front and back sides with a second keyboard (1) arranged in the front side of the second (2) housing component, wherein the second housing component is connected mechanically by means of hinges (10, 11, 12, 13) to the first housing component, whereby the first and second keyboards can be arranged in a single plane by folding out the second housing component, characterized in that the keyboards are so arranged in the respective front sides of the first and second housing components that, when the second housing is folded back, the second housing component back side is on the back side of the first housing such that the second keyboard faces away from the first keyboard.